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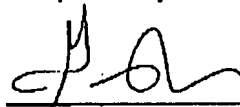
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested, in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite the feature that the pasta layer at the top of the product does not have a sauce layer above it and the pasta layer at the bottom of the product does not have a sauce layer below it. This is disclosed at page 2, second full paragraph of the specification, wherein it is stated that a pasta sheet extends around the remaining layers of the product (both sauce and pasta are referred to therein as "layers") and in the drawings, e.g., Figs. 5 and 6. The Office acknowledges that the Sir Redhawk reference does not disclose this feature. It is not apparent what, other than hindsight gleaned from the present invention, would lead one of ordinary skill to omit the external sauce of Sir Redhawk.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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